

TTEF report SS Freshspring

Forward plan Freshspring:

The Trust aims to return SS Freshspring to operation as a steam powered passenger carrying vessel. Passenger numbers to be determined but the Trust is looking to achieve a maximum of 90.

SS Freshspring will require:

- passenger ship safety certificate for up to Category D waters
- load line certificate required for passenger ships either operating in UK waters and of more than 80 gross tonnes (gt) or operating in non-UK waters and of 24 metres length (if keel was laid on or after 21 July 1968) or of more than 150gt

The limits of operation will be category D waters: Tidal rivers and estuaries where the significant wave height could not be expected to exceed 2.0 metres at any time. These categorisations apply specifically to the operation of Class IV, V and VI Passenger Ships and also determine which waters are not regarded as “sea” for the purposes of regulations made, or treated as made, under Section 85 of the Merchant Shipping Act.

She will be required to transit to and from operating areas with up to 12 passengers and to available dry docks for survey and repairs. It is envisaged that sea passage time will be up to 16 hours port to port.

The Trust requires a delegation network to be agreed between Lloyds Register and Maritime and Coastguard Agency. The aim is to have this formalised by both organisations in order to confirm future operational status.

Since our last meeting progress has been made to create the required matrix and both Lloyds and MCA will work together to achieve this. We are about to write a formal letter regarding this.

Our liaison with Navantia is gaining strength. We are hoping we can slip the ship this Autumn to tie in with the work to be done by a contractor to provide certification assurances.